

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-9186 of 2016

Date of decision : 22.03.2016

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..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

**Present: Mr. G.S. Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner**

Mr. V.P.S. Sidhu, AAG Punjab

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 72 dated 11.03.2013 registered at Police Station Focal Point, District Ludhiana under Sections 363, 366 IPC (Challan presented under Sections 363, 366-A, 376 IPC)

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was arrested on 18.04.2013 and the prosecution has examined only 4 witnesses out of 16 witnesses. He further contends that it was a case of run away marriage and the girl had submitted an affidavit and it bears her photograph and she has admitted her signatures on the marriage certificate and they are ready to offer local surety.

The trial is going at a very slow pace. The petitioner is in custody for the last almost three years.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case and considering the fact that the trial will take time to conclude, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing local surety and adequate bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

March 22, 2016

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**(ANITA CHAUDHRY)
JUDGE**